

REMARKS

In the Office Action of March 22, 2007, the disclosure was objected to because of several informalities. The specification is amended herewith to address these objections.

The drawings were objected to because the reference character "163" of Fig. 5C has been used to designate two different bins containing different primitives. Figure 5C is amended herewith to remove the "6" from the first instance of bin 163 in accordance with this objection.

Claims 2-6, 8-11, 14-18, 20-23, 26-28, 30 and 31 were rejected as a double patenting rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-5, 6-9, 10-14, 15-18, 19-21, 22 and 23, respectively, of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,741,243. Claims 2-6, 8-11, 14-18, 20-23, 26-28, 30 and 31 are cancelled herewith.

Claims 1, 7, 12, 13, 19, 24, 25 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,424,345 ("Smith"), citing Figure 3 and column 4, line 61 – column 5, line 22 of Smith. However, as can be clearly seen with reference to Figure 3 and column 4, line 61 – column 5, line 22 of Smith, the tiles (bins) of Smith are of equal size, as opposed to the variable-sized tiles of independent claims 1, 13 and 25. Column 4, lines 64-65 of Smith says, "Depending on the sampling mode, the tiles can be either 32x32 pixels or 16x16 pixels." However, this is an either/or proposition and Smith nowhere describes using different sized tiles/bins at the same time. Therefore, Applicant submits that claims 1, 13 and 25, and claims 7, 12, 19, 24 and 29 depending therefrom, are not anticipated by Smith.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 1, 7, 12, 13, 19, 24, 25 and 29.

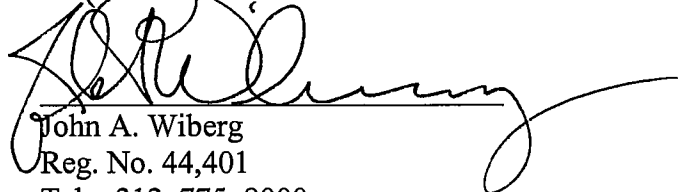
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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